

Endowed Charities.

There is in the minds of many persons, and of nearly all philanthropists, a strong desire that they do in the nature of good works that they shall be permanent and stable in their kind so that they may endure after they are dead and be remembered in their favor for all time to come.

reserve fund against an accidental monetary depression. If the asylum, hospital, or school is established for a purpose not originally good, but adapted to the wants of the present day, and if it is managed properly and on just and liberal principles, it will always receive a correspondingly ample support.

If £1000 is bequeathed to some hospital, it is better to fit up as many more beds as the money will pay for within the year, provided there are patients ready to occupy them, than to buy a field and with the rent paid for it support one solitary bed in addition.

Russian Proverbs. A correspondent of the London Athenaeum writes as follows:— Moscow, June 21, 1863.—The Scotch and the Spaniards have hitherto divided the credit of possessing the largest store of proverbial wisdom; but were the literature of Russia more widely known, she might prove a formidable rival either to the land of oatmeal or to that of oranges.

The Western reader would doubtless be surprised to find how many old friends have taken rank, either by coincidence or by actual borrowing, among the popular maxims of our Eastern brethren. "Strike the iron while it is hot," "All is not gold that glitters," "Fair and softly goes far," "As a man sows, so will he reap," and many more such, are recognizable at a glance; but besides these unmistakable imitations, there are numerous others slightly disguised as to be known at a glance.

Our notice of some proverbs would be incomplete without some mention of the most touching and beautiful of all—those relating to parental and domestic affection, strikingly illustrative of the primitive, patriarchal, almost fatherly character of the ancient Slavonic rule, traces of which still remain in the title popularly given to the Czar of "Our father the Emperor." Among the best of these latter are the following:—"A father's blessing cannot be drowned in water, nor consumed by fire."

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It is somewhat remarkable that no country possesses a larger store of maxims inculcating honesty and fair play than crafty, sharp-dealing Russia. A few examples are well worth selecting. Conscientiousness in trade is recommended by "Pledge not thy word rashly, but hold to it when pledged." "A debt is adorned by payment." "Rogatory is the last of trades." "Sell your goods profitably, but do not fleece your customers," and many others of the same kind—rules, it is to be feared, honored more frequently in the breach than in the observance.

The satirical proverbs of Russia are very numerous, and remarkable for their bitter truthfulness. From the mass we may select almost at a venture:—"The dog barks, but the wind carries it away," as a palpable and cutting sneer at the impotence of popular slanders, and might serve as a motto for any one of the pugnacious native authors who are at present waging war with public opinion.

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